

III. Remarks/Conclusion

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

Claims 1-27 were originally filed in the present application. Claims 25-27 were subsequently canceled pursuant to a restriction requirement, and claims 28-30 were also added. In the present paper, claims 28-30 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No other claims are canceled or added. Consequently, claims 1-24 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 28-30 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. However, these claims are currently canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action have been addressed. Moreover, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-24 are allowed. As no other claims are pending, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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